Payment of Bonus and DA Arrears to DTC Employees

1320. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the arrears of ex-gratia (bonus) has not been paid to the DTC employees since 1st January, 1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the DA arrears from July, 1992 and January, 1993 have not been paid to the DTC employees; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when Government propose to give both the arrears?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No, Sir. Only the difference amount of Bonus/Ex-gratia on account of implementation of the 4th Pay Commission recommendations, is in arrear.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) DA arrears amounting to Rs. 5.50 crores and arrears of Bonus/Ex-gratia worth Rs. 1.34 crore are to be paid by the DTC out of Ways and Means Loans granted to it by the Government from time to time.

Widening of the Road Over-Bridge at Kambar Talab on Solapur-Bijapur National Highway

1321. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal for widening of the road over-bridge at Kambar Talab on Solapur-Bijapur National Highway No. 13;

(b) whether Government have also received proposals from the representatives of the people for straightening the curves on the approaches to the bridge in order to obviate the difficulties faced by the people and to remove grave traffic hazards, that the curves on the approaches present; and

(c) if so, what are the details of the proposals indicating its cost and the steps so far taken and progress made in implementation thereof and by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Problem arising out of curves on approach roads being a subject for the Ministry of Surface Transport, they have been requested to envolve a suitable scheme to improve the approaches by straightening or otherwise.

12.00 Noon

STATEMENT(S) BY MINISTER(S)

(i) Correcting the Reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 1993 to Starred Question 47 regarding untrained drivers in Redline Buses

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): Mr. Chairman, Sir, ...

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA (Uttar Pradesh): Mr. Chairman, Sir, before the Minister corrects his answer, I have a point on this.

Starred Question No. 47 was in the name of hon. Members, Shrimati Mira Das and Shri Chimanbhai Mehta. Every Member has a right to put supplementary questions to a Starred Question. My submission is that we have not gone through the modified answer which he is going to make. Therefore, he should not be allowed to make a correction today. First, it should be displayed on the notice-board and then he may be allowed to make a statement correcting his answer.

MR. CHAIRMAN: If the Minister can make it tomorrow, I have no objection.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, I may be allowed to lay the papers on the Table today but not the full details which the hon. Members were asking for.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right, lay the papers today.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER: Sir, I lay the papers ... *(Interruptions)* ...

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: No. It is not a question of laying the papers. The Minister wants to correct his answer to S. Q. No. 47.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA (Gujarat): Starred Question No. 47 was in my name also.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: He should send these papers to the Rajya Sabha

Secretariat.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : I have already done it.

MR. CHAIRMAN : He has already done it.

SHRI YASHAVANT SINHA (Bihar) : It is not on the notice-board.

SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA : It is not on the notice-board. Let it be placed on the notice-board today. We will put supplementary questions tomorrow.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : I am only making correction.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA (West Bengal) : Mr. Chairman, Sir, how can he correct *the answer? It was a Starred Question. Since we* are entitled to put supplementary question on the Starred Question, he should not be allowed to make correction to his answer today. It is a violation of the Rules of Procedure.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHATA : Sir, it should be taken up tomorrow during the Question Hour.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Minister may be directed to arrange the answer to be displayed on the notice-board so that the Members can know of it. After that he should put it on record. Then we will be able to put our supplementaries to him. Without this it is a surreptitious way of correcting an answer. *(Interruptions)* . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : Just a minute. Please sit down. Let the Minister answer.

SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER : Sir, Members have asked a question as to why I had not given them a list of the people who have got the permits. I told them that since the Delhi Administration did not give me the list of the people who have got the permits I was unable to do so. The hon. Members have rightly pointed out that I should have given them complete answer because I had had enough time to get this information. I had stated the facts before the House which were available with me. Only on the second day we could get the whole list and we have submitted it to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat. If the Members want me to correct my answer tomorrow, I have no objection. If you want me to do that tomorrow, I will do so.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Let him do it tomorrow.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Will you be able to answer tomorrow?

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : This is a very debatable issue, a highly controversial issue.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Will you please sit down? The Minister has laid the paper on the Table of the House. He will be prepared to answer your question tomorrow.

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : During Question Hour.

(ii) Correcting the Reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 28th July, 1993 to Unstarred Question 368 regarding Bursting of Pipelines while hydrotesting

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : Sir, . . . *(Interruption).*

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH (Maharashtra) : Sir, it is the reply to my Unstarred Question which he is correcting now. An Unstarred Question cannot have supplementaries and I am aware of it. But, by giving this kind of an incorrect answer, the House is being misled. What manner do we take recourse to in correcting it? The only thing is, if you permit me to raise a half-an-hour discussion . . . . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN : You please give notice and I will examine it.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : All right, Sir.

CAPT. SATISH SHARMA : I beg to lay on the Table a statement (in English and Hindi) correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on 28th July, 1993 to Unstarred Question 368 regarding bursting of pipelines while hydrotesting.